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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 21 and 22 January 1955, approximately 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia received training in the area of the race course at the Wuhlheide cantonment (4161), south of the Karlshorst racecourse.

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3. Between 20 and 24 January, the restricted area of the Wuhlgarten Heilenstalt (4102) in Berlin-Biesdorf was occupied as previously by approximately 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a few red epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Training in firing with rifles and machine guns was observed in the installation. During the period under review, 3 two-axle armored personnel carriers were daily seen driving in the Wuhlheide.<sup>1</sup>

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4. On 24 January, the Beseler Kaserne (3584) in Wittenberg was occupied by an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank and a few with motor transport insignia. The northern sheds were still occupied by tanks.

5. At about 0830, JS-3 tank  1 T-34 tank hull, 1 six-wheel armored personnel carrier and trucks  left toward Tuchel.<sup>2</sup>

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6. On 24 January, the Tauentzien Kaserne (3581) in Wittenberg was occupied by approximately 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia and a few wearing black epaulets. Approximately 200 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard. Trucks  and sedan  were seen in the installation.<sup>3</sup>

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7. The Arado installation (3582) in Wittenberg was occupied by approximately 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. An additional shed with approximately 20 bays had been completed. The installation thus includes 3 sheds with a total of approximately 60 bays. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in the installation.<sup>4</sup> 25X1
8. Camp Apollensdorf (3591) in Wittenberg was occupied by approximately 1,200 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black and black epaulets. The soldiers apparently prepared for departure. About 40 trucks loaded with pontoons with barrels were seen in the installation. [redacted] 25X1  
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Another 50 to 60 trucks, 2 tank trucks, about 5 van-like trucks, 1 crane truck and 1 motorboat were stored in the center of the installation.
9. At noon on 24 January, guides were seen on the road to Coswig. At about 1600, they were still there. Three trucks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] and 1 truck towing a motorboat left the camp toward Coswig, west of Wittenberg.<sup>5</sup> 25X1
10. Although no activity was observed in the Flak Kaserne (3583) in Wittenberg on 24 January, the installation was apparently occupied to capacity. Small bus [redacted] and van-like truck [redacted] were seen.<sup>6</sup> 25X1
- [redacted] 11. Between 16 and 22 January, the Lutz Kaserne was occupied as previously by approximately 1,600 soldiers including 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia, approximately 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and approximately 100 soldiers with black service color. About 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at field training during the period under review. On 17 January, soldiers wearing gas masks marched out. 25X1
12. No changes were observed in the motor vehicle equipment. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] 25X1
13. Between 16 and 22 January, the Neue Kaserne (3643) in Wuensdorf was occupied by approximately 1,600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank artillery and, a few, motor transport insignia and black epaulets with signal insignia. On 21 January, 2 AT guns, presumably of 57-mm, practiced firing. Twelve tank trucks with trailers were seen in the fuel depot. Eighteen canvas-covered tanks were seen in the sheds. [redacted] 25X1
14. On 23 January, the AAA emplacements on the VEAB and west of Stammlager Zossen were vacant.<sup>9</sup>
1. [redacted] Comment. Prior to 24 January, the information does not indicate any changes with regard to the units of the 6th and 7th Gds Mecz Div stationed in East-Berlin. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The Beseler Kaserne (3584) in Wittenberg is still occupied by the 52d Gds Tank Regt and the 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div. 25X1

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3.  Comment. The Tauentzien Kaserne (3581) in Wittenberg is occupied by the Hq 6th Gds Tank Div, the 3d Gds Mtrcl Bn and the 120th Gds Engr Bn and at least elements of the 145th Gds Sig Bn. 25X1
4.  Comment. The Arado installation in Wittenberg is occupied as previously by the U'i Tank Tng Bn of the 6th Gds Tank Div. 25X1
5.  Comment. The elements of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of GSFG which, since the 1954 fall exercises, had been quartered in Camp Apollensdorf (3591) in Wittenberg, may have left for their previous quarters in Magdeburg.  25X1
6.  Comment. The Flak Kaserne in Wittenberg is occupied by the 52d and 53d Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div and, probably, by the 439th Gds RL Bn.  25X1
7.  Comment. Since the personnel with black service color did not wear branch of service insignia, the unit which was observed in the Lutz Kaserne for the first time cannot be identified. All motor vehicle  mentioned belong to units of GSFG stationed at the Wuensdorf post. 25X1
8.  Comment. The Neue Kaserne in Wuensdorf is occupied by the 70th Mecz Regt of the 9th Mecz Div. No changes were observed in the installation prior to 27 January. 25X1
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